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New Comment Submission

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A new comment has been submitted at socotransmission.com.

COMMENT

Meeting Attended:

Important Issues:

Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Radio or Television Interference, Noise, Health and Safety, Visual / Aesthetic Resources, Proximity to Residences

Property Uses:

Agriculture, Residential

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Southern Colorado Transmission Improvements

In 1982, when my father, and brother-in-law, came to LaVeta and purchased lots #15, 16 and 18 in LaVeta Acres, his oldest grandchild was 4 years old.

Now, I have a 4-year-old grandson.

I am saying this to demonstrate how long this property has been a part of the lives of our family members. Three generations have enjoyed the natural beauty and serenity of this treasured legacy. We all have anticipated sharing and teaching this beloved experience with the fourth and future generations of our expanding family.

We now have just learned, luckily before the deadline to comment, about the plans to run large, intensive high voltage towers right across our property. According to the information on the web site, this will entail cutting a 150ft. Swath through our heavily wooded mountain get-a-way.

This property is irreplaceable to us and this proposed project will forever scar and diminish the intrinsic value of our one family treasure.

My family did not look to purchase property in the touristier or heavily populated areas of the state. He wanted a pristine place in a rural setting where the family for generations could come to enjoy the peaceful bliss so different from the metro areas of Texas where we are from.

I cannot even count the number of friends who have visited our mountain and been awed by our peace of heaven. In fact, the neighboring property that was originally purchased by one visiting friend and later, when necessitated by failing health, was sold to another friend of our family.

I do not know how long these plans have been in the works, but I am sure it has been substantial. It amazes me that until a few days ago none of our mountain neighbors knew anything about it. If not for one of our neighbors contacting us a few days ago, we would not have been aware of the plans. I bet the Forbes people on the west side of the pass knew. That is why it does not go across their land.

In addition, the only hearing I saw slated is in several months, a time at which most of the property owners will not be in the area.

Being from Houston, I am aware of the smell of petro-chemical complexes. This seemingly clandestine plan to rape our property has an even stronger odor.

I assure you, this will not be allowed to happen without every possible protest, roadblock, hurdle, or even class action lawsuit having been exhausted!

My family and friends do not want to have to do these things but will do so with heartfelt fervor if that is what is needed. Maybe we can locate some exchanges. Maybe we can locate some endangered

I-271-001

I-271-002

I-271-003

I-271-001: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-271-002: Public Involvement Process (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The project is in the planning and environmental review stages. Current project information will be available on the RUS project website, <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm> and the Utilities' project website, <http://www.socotransmission.com/>.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-271-003: Public Involvement Process (In Review)

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The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

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animal that makes its home there.
Please reconsider the route across our family legacy.

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